

DAILY CREEL, POSSESSION, AND SIZE LIMITS ON GAME FISH

220-2-.35 The creel and possession limits for game fish in all public waters of Alabama, except as otherwise provided for certain State and Federally owned and/or managed fishing lake and ponds, shall be as follows:

Black Bass, All Species or Combination..... 10 (See "Size Limits" below. A black bass is a largemouth bass, spotted bass, smallmouth bass, redeye bass or shoal bass.)

Walleye..... 5 Bream..... 50 Rainbow Trout..... 5 Alligator Gar..... 2 

Sauger..... 10 (There is a 14-inch minimum length limit on sauger with an exception of allowing three fish less than 14 inches in total length.)

Yellow Bass, White Bass, Saltwater Striped Bass, and Hybrids or Combinations.....30
 (No more than 6 of the 30 can exceed 16 inches in total length, and no more than two of the six may be saltwater striped bass. See exceptions for Neely Henry and Weiss Reservoirs and further restrictions for Lake Martin below.)

 Crappie..... 30 (It is illegal to possess any crappie less than nine inches in total length taken from Alabama public waters, including Aliceville Reservoir and Pickwick Reservoir. Waters exempt from the nine-inch crappie limit include state owned public fishing lakes, and the reciprocal waters of the Chattahoochee River and Impoundments and their tributaries, Bear Creek Reservoir (Big Bear Lake of the B.C.D.A. Lakes), Lake Jackson at Florala, and Weiss Lake. Weiss Lake has a ten-inch size limit for crappie. *)

Note: It is a violation of Alabama law for any person to transport more than one day's creel limit of game fish beyond the boundaries of this state.

Note: It is a violation of Alabama law for any person to fillet a fish while fishing, or to possess fillets of fish while on public waters except when fish are being prepared for immediate cooking and consumption; provided however, that fish may be drawn or gutted with heads left attached. 220-2-44 (9)

- **There is no closed season in Alabama on any freshwater game fish.**
- ***Size limits: note: total length of fish measured from the front of the mouth to the tip of the tail with both mouth and tail closed.**
- **Lake Martin- it is illegal to possess more than two white bass, yellow bass, saltwater striped bass and hybrids or combinations over 16 inches in total length in the daily creel limit. Special creel limits apply on the reciprocal waters of the Impoundments; check locally or see regulation 220-2-.112.**
- **Game fish cannot be caught by any method other than ordinary hook and line, fly, troll, or spinner. The sale of game fish taken from public water is prohibited by law in Alabama.**

ALABAMA FISHING LICENSE FEES

For questions, call the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources License Section at 1-334-242-3829

Resident		Non-Resident	
Annual Freshwater Fishing	\$9.50	Annual Freshwater for All Non-Residents except Louisiana & Mississippi Residents. (The annual Louisiana Freshwater Licenses is \$61.00; the annual Mississippi Freshwater License is \$33.85).	\$31.00
7 Day Trip Freshwater Fishing	\$6.00	7-Day Trip Freshwater Fishing for all except Florida, Mississippi and Tennessee Residents. (7-Day Trip Florida or Tennessee residents is \$16.00; Mississippi residents pay \$17.85).	\$11.00
64 Lifetime License (This new license is available to Alabama residents 64 years old for the price of an annual resident fishing license).	\$9.50	Annual Combo Freshwater and Saltwater Fishing (The annual Louisiana Combo Freshwater and Saltwater License is \$90.00; the annual Mississippi Combo Freshwater and Saltwater License is \$66.85).	\$61.00
Annual Combination Freshwater and Saltwater Fishing	\$24.50	(Required for anglers 16 and older fishing in any public water and unable to show residency, regardless of tackle used.)	
Annual Combination Freshwater Fishing and Hunting	\$24.50	The above includes a \$1.00 Issuance Fee.	
Sportsman's License (includes state freshwater and saltwater fishing, state hunting, WMA, state waterfowl stamp and issuance fees)	\$59.50	Licenses may be purchased locally from merchants and Probate Offices. Licenses may be purchased through the mail by enclosing the above fee and a photocopy of your driver's license. Mail to: Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, License Section Suite 457, 64 N Union Street Montgomery, AL 36130-3020 Alabama Hunting and Fishing Licenses are now available by Phone! 1888-848-6887 (\$3.95 additional fee)	
The above includes a \$1.00 Issuance Fee.			
**Lifetime Freshwater Fishing	\$150.00	Lifetime licenses issued only through probate judges, license commissioners and the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, License Section Suite 457, 64 N Union Street Montgomery, AL 36130-3020	
**Lifetime Freshwater and Saltwater Fishing	\$400.00		
**Lifetime Hunting / Freshwater Fishing	\$450.00		
**Lifetime Hunting, Freshwater Fishing, and Saltwater Fishing	\$700.00		
Fishing license required for residents 16 years of age and older, but under 65 years of age who fish with rod and reel or artificial bait. This license is also required to fish with hook and line outside county of legal residence. To purchase a resident license, one must be an Alabama Resident for 90 days.		NOTE: Residents 65 years of age and over are exempt from buying fishing licenses providing that said resident has on his person while fishing a driver's license or proof of permanent Alabama residence and age.	